

Literacy Planning Minutes

April 29, 2010

Our challenge is to develop a literacy program unique to Midd-West, which emphasizes current reading and writing research and provides us with a medium for delivering high-quality literacy instruction in order to make all students successful for life.

☐ **Writer's Workshop**

- Guest speaker *Sarah Woodward* - Sarah taught in a reader's and writer's workshop environment for five years while at PS 250 in Brooklyn, NY. She has had extensive training at Columbia University's Teachers College in the Reading & Writing Project. Currently, Sarah is a reading specialist/literacy coach at the Danville Area School District where she continues to teach utilizing the Lucy Calkins materials in a reader's and writer's workshop environment.
- Q & A – Sarah provided an overview for the group on writer's workshop. Teachers had the opportunity to ask specific questions. Please see a team member for a synopsis.

- ☐ **To Do:** Email Daphne your thoughts for moving forward with Writer's Workshop next year. I will compile thoughts and suggestions for discussion during our May 20th meeting.

- ☐ **To-Do: Literacy Articles from Ed Leadership** - Post article main points to wiki.

1. Go to Wiki: <http://mwsdlitteam.wikispaces.com/>
2. Click on **LitTeam Readings**
3. Click on **Discussion** tab
4. Click + **New Post**
5. Type in the title of your article in the **Subject** field
6. Type in important points from the article in the **Message** field. **Think about specific points that impact our work as a literacy team.**
7. Click **Post**
8. Review others' postings
9. Complete by May 20, 2010

- ☐ **RtI** – Please be prepared to discuss your article at the next meeting.

- ☐ **Summer Institutes** - June 22, June 23, June 29 and July 19-22, 2010 (Sign-ups and more information coming soon.)

- ☐ **Read Naturally** - June 30, 210 & July 20, 2010 (Sign-ups will be accepted during sign-ups for Summer Institute.)

- ☐ **Next Meeting Date:** May 20, 2010 (West Snyder Middle School)

